

Peter, here's how I'd use Edge Copilot at Syndesi

I ran three Edge Copilot tools for Syndesi: Illinois job posts that name manual finance and ops work, Illinois companies with recent acquisition or investment announcements, and the Chicago rooms where ops and finance leaders gather before year-end.

I'm in Chicago on Wednesday, October 21. GTMshift's afternoon on "The AI-Fluent Revenue Leader: What It Takes to Win in Today's Market," 2–6pm Central. It's free; the organizers approve each registration. I'm running a hands-on lab around 3, alongside Jen Allen-Knuth and Matt Green. [Register on Luma](#).

Also coming up: Miami, Wednesday, November 4, on stage at the [Vertical Software Summit](#) (3:00pm Eastern). Austin, Thursday, November 12, the same GTMshift afternoon ([register on Luma](#)). Can't make any of them? [DM me on LinkedIn](#).

You already own every tool below. Before I go, I pointed my tools and methods at Syndesi the way I would if I sat in your seat. Here's what came back, and how to run it yourself.

What I understand about you and Syndesi

Correct me where it's wrong. Everything below builds on this.

- You and Angie run Syndesi as a hands-on studio in Chicago. Your background is sales and pipeline building: Mood Media, HYPERVSN, Argus Camera.
- Your front door is a fixed-price assessment of one stuck workflow. You write down where the hours go, and the client keeps the report.
- Your stated buyer is the operations or finance leader at an SMB or mid-market company feeling growth pressure. Think order handoffs, invoice review, report prep.
- You prove the method on your own products: LocalAnswer.io (14,343 pages, sold), steep.news, PartnerMind.ai and InStoreIndex.
- My guess at the go-to-market problem: spotting which companies have stuck ops or finance work right now, and getting in front of the person who owns it. Correct me if that's wrong.

1. 6 Illinois job posts that name manual finance or ops work, or the push to automate it, each with the line that says so

A job post is a company describing its own problem in public. When a post says "reduce manual effort" in reconciliation or invoice processing, that's the workflow your assessment looks at, named by the buyer.

WHAT I RAN

I used JoJo's method: describe the perfect post, search job boards for posts that match, then quote or drop. I searched Illinois postings since August, opened every one on the employer's own job board, copied the exact line, and rechecked them all on October 15 (two had closed, so they're gone). I also dropped employers with more than about 5,000 staff. The Posted date is the one the job board shows. Direct means the line says the work is manual. Suggestive means it talks about automating or handing off accounting work without saying how much is still manual. Tools: JoJo.

WHAT CAME BACK

COMPANY	ROLE · WHERE	POSTED	THE LINE THAT SAYS IT	READ
Apex Fintech Solutions	Sr. Manager, Accounts Payable · Chicago	Oct 13	"Lead the implementation of accounts payable automation tools, leveraging technology to reduce manual processing efforts"	Direct
Rush Street Interactive	Sr. Mgr, Corporate Accounting · Chicago	Sep 23	"leveraging AI and automation tools to improve close accuracy, reduce manual work"	Direct
Union Tank Car (Marmon Holdings)	Org. Change Leader · Chicago	Sep 21	Tracks ERP adoption by "reduction in manual workarounds"	Direct
Interco	Admin Accounting & Ops Specialist · Edwardsville, IL	Sep 21	"Transfer purchases into QuickBooks and review imports for accuracy and completeness."	Suggestive
Lyra Technology Group	Associate (tech-services holding co.) · Chicago	Sep 10	"Identify where existing processes are manual or inconsistent, and build the fix"	Direct
Onbe	Financial Operations AR Specialist · Buffalo Grove, IL	Sep 1	"Explore opportunities for process automation ... in reconciliation tasks"	Suggestive

Four of the six say "manual" outright. In every row except Interco, the line is part of what the new hire is asked to improve or automate, so read each row as a workflow to ask about, not a gap nobody owns.

HERE'S HOW YOU MIGHT USE IT

1. Read each full posting and split it in two: the work done by hand today, and what the new hire is asked to fix.
2. Write one note per company that quotes their own line back and asks who owns that workflow today and whether outside help would be useful.
3. Rerun the JoJo prompt below every two weeks to catch new posts. Each run is a snapshot, so check a posting is still open before you reach out.

PROMPT TO RUN IT YOURSELF IN CLAUDE CODE

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Run /edge install jojo if you haven't yet, then use the jojo skill. I run Syndesi, a Chicago studio that maps one stuck operations or finance workflow (order handoffs, invoice review, reconciliation, report prep) for SMB and mid-market companies and then fixes it. Calibrate a JoJo profile with 3-5 fictionally perfect job descriptions for a company drowning in that kind of manual work, including the literal phrases "manual", "re-enter", "spreadsheet", "reduce manual effort", "streamline month-end close". Score postings located in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Open every top posting on the employer's own job board and drop any that are closed. Follow JoJo's quote-or-abstain rule: keep a company only if you can paste the exact line from the posting. Output a table sorted newest first: company, role, city, posting date, the verbatim line, grade (direct = the line says the work is manual; suggestive = it mentions automation or accounting handoffs without saying the work is manual), posting URL. Drop companies over about 5,000 employees and flag any that look like they are building this in-house.
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2. 5 Illinois companies with acquisition or investment announcements from August 31 to October 15, each linked to the announcement

A company that just took on a new owner or investor may change how it reports and hands off work. That's the kind of workflow on your homepage, so an announcement is a reason to ask.

WHAT I RAN

I followed the PE Acquisition Monitor method for Illinois companies from August 31 to October 15, 2026. I searched deal news, opened each announcement, and kept a row only if the page named the

company, the Illinois location, the buyer or investor and the date. Where the page didn't name a private-equity backer, I say so instead of guessing. Tools: PE Acquisition Monitor.

WHAT CAME BACK

COMPANY	WHERE	WHAT THEY DO	DATE	BUYER
Metro East Industries	Alorton, IL	Rail car and locomotive repair, founded 1990	Sep 4	One Equity Partners (PE) invests, partnering with the founding Ortyl family
Gemcom	Burr Ridge, IL	Fire-alarm switches and signage maker	Sep 17	Bought by Space Age Electronics, a DelCam Capital (PE) company
Signature Engineered Solutions	Aurora, IL	Engineered fastener distributor	Aug 31	Bought by AFC Industries (backer not named in source)
Mark Industries	Elgin, IL	Commercial glazing contractor	Sep 29	Bought by AGS, a Sterling Group (PE) company
Brucker Company	Elk Grove Village & Peoria, IL	Commercial HVAC manufacturers' rep; history dates to 1875	Oct 1	Bought by Meriton, a national HVAC rep alliance (backer not named)

Three of the five announcements name a private-equity investor or owner. The Mark Industries and Brucker releases say the existing leader stays on. None of the five releases say anything about reporting changes.

HERE'S HOW YOU MIGHT USE IT

1. Start with Mark Industries and Gemcom. Both are Illinois businesses joining larger platforms; ask whether reporting or handoffs are changing.
2. Read the release for who stays in charge. Mark Industries' release says the owner and president keeps running it.
3. If one workflow is changing, offer to map that one. Don't assume it is until they say so.

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Run /edge install pe-acquisition-monitor if you haven't yet, then use that skill. I run Syndesi, a Chicago studio that fixes stuck operations and finance workflows for SMB and mid-market companies. Build the list of private-equity acquisitions and PE-backed add-ons where the acquired company is headquartered in Illinois, Indiana or Wisconsin, for the last 60 days. Search buyer newsrooms, PR Newswire, Business Wire and trade press. Open every source. Accept a deal only when the page itself names the target, its headquarters, the buyer, the PE sponsor (or say 'sponsor not named') and an announcement or close date. Output a table: target, city, what it does, date, buyer, PE sponsor, who stays in charge (only if the release says so), source URL. Put unresolved candidates in a separate list.
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3. 6 Chicago-area rooms where ops and finance leaders gather before year-end

Your background is in sales and pipeline building. These groups serve finance or operating leaders; check the access rules before planning to attend.

WHAT I RAN

I used the Channel Discovery checklist for one persona: the ops or finance leader at a Chicago mid-market company. I searched for associations, peer groups and events, then opened each calendar page and kept only the ones with a dated session or an open guest meeting, and that someone like you could plausibly get into. Tools: Channel Discovery Skill.

WHAT CAME BACK

ROOM	WHEN · WHERE	WHO'S THERE	WHY IT FITS
IMEC NextGen Manufacturing AI Summit	Nov 12 · Downers Grove	Illinois manufacturers showing how they use AI on real problems	Closest topic to your pitch. Non-manufacturers attend only as sponsors
ACG Chicago	Oct 29 Manufacturing Symposium; Nov 5 M&A Playbook · Loop	PE deal teams, operating partners, mid-market owners	PE owners and operating partners, the people behind deals like build 2
CFO Leadership Council, Chicago	Dec 3 · Rosemont	CFOs; the session is "The Ins and Outs of Fractional Leadership"	Outside help is the topic. Consultants get in only as sponsors, not by registering
EEI Chicago CFO of the Year Awards	Nov 19 · Marriott Magnificent Mile	Chicago finance leaders; 15th annual awards	Awards night; the honoree list is a target list on its own
CFMA Chicago	Nov 19 Build Chicago Awards · Drake Hotel, Oak Brook	Construction finance leaders	Construction finance teams handle heavy invoice and document volume
Chicago Distributors and Manufacturers (CDAM)	Monthly on Zoom (next date not posted) · "Register as Guest" on the homepage	Senior execs at Chicago distributors and manufacturers; peer-advisory format	Its membership criteria include "Consultative Professionals" who serve manufacturing and distribution

IMEC and the CFO Leadership Council have the closest topics, but both let a firm like Syndesi in only as a sponsor. CDAM has a "Register as Guest" button on its homepage, and its membership criteria name consultative professionals.

HERE'S HOW YOU MIGHT USE IT

1. Ask CDAM about guest eligibility and the next meeting date.
2. Match each speaker's employer against the companies in builds 1 and 2. Move a room up only when that speaker's role touches the workflow you found.
3. For IMEC and the CFO Leadership Council, decide whether a sponsorship is worth it. Ordinary registration isn't open to a consultancy.

PROMPT TO RUN IT YOURSELF IN CLAUDE CODE

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Run /edge install channel-discovery if you haven't yet, then use that skill.
Persona: the head of operations or the controller/CFO at a Chicago-area company
with 50-1,000 employees, usually a manufacturer, distributor, construction firm or
services business. Seller: Syndesi, a Chicago studio that maps and fixes one stuck
operations or finance workflow at a time. Find the associations, peer groups,
conferences, webinars and newsletters this persona actually attends in the next 90
days. Open each calendar page. Keep a row only if it has a dated event or an open
guest meeting. Output a ranked table: channel, next date and place, who attends,
whether outsiders can attend or speak, cost if posted, the URL, and one sentence on
why it fits. Put dead ends at the bottom.
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data is unavailable, stop and report what is missing.
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More prompts for problems you probably have

Paste any of these into Claude Code.

Prep for one prospect call

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Run /edge install jojo if needed, then use JoJo's reverse mode on <company name>. I
run Syndesi, a Chicago studio that fixes stuck operations and finance workflows.
Read that company's open job postings and follow the quote-or-abstain rule: list
each pain only with a verbatim line from a posting (title and date), grade it
direct / strong / weak, list the evidence against a fit, and give a one-line
verdict: strong fit, plausible fit, or no strong signal. Finish with the one
workflow I should ask about first.
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Referral partners who already sit with your buyer

Run `/edge install referral-notability` if needed. I run Syndesi, a Chicago studio that fixes operations and finance workflows for mid-market companies. Find up to 20 verified Chicago-area fractional CFOs, outsourced accounting firms and ERP consultants who serve companies with 50-1,000 employees. For each, use their own website and public speaking, podcast or association pages to score how connected they are. Output a table: name, firm, documented client segment, evidence of reach with a URL, services that overlap Syndesi's offer, and a possible referral use case clearly labeled as a hypothesis. Don't claim they would refer or lack a capability unless a source says so. Return fewer rows when the evidence is thin.

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Turn a deal list into one note per company

I run Syndesi, a Chicago studio that assesses one operations or finance workflow, hands the client a written report, and scopes any fix separately. Search PR Newswire, Business Wire and buyer newsrooms for acquisitions of, or investments in, Illinois companies announced in the last 60 days, and open each announcement. Output a table: company, announcement date, deal type (acquisition or investment), the leader who stays on (only if named), what the buyer says it plans (only if stated), one supporting quote, and the URL. Write 'not stated' where the page is silent. Then name one workflow that might change, labeled as an unverified guess; don't assume systems will merge. Draft a four-sentence note per company from Peter that quotes one verified detail, asks whether that workflow is changing, and offers to map it. Drafts only; send nothing.

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You already own all of this

Every tool here is in your Edge Copilot. If I had to pick one to start with at Syndesi, it's **JoJo**: Your whole offer starts with one stuck workflow. JoJo reads public job postings, ranks companies by how plainly they describe that kind of manual work, and quotes the line as proof. Build 1 above is a hand-run sample of its method. Each run is a snapshot, so rerun it on your own schedule and check each posting before you reach out.

If you come to Chicago, bring what you're building and I'll work it with you live.

→ [Come see me in Chicago — free](#)

Every tool in Edge Copilot

Each installs into Claude Code with one command.

TOOL	WHAT IT DOES	INSTALL
People Tam	Builds and ranks a whole market of people: champion lookalikes, hidden problem owners, rare experience, and the accounts they point to.	<code>/edge install people-tam</code>
Clay Mobile Provider Benchmark	Plan independent Clay phone-provider tests for your ICP and produce separate caller and analyst workbooks.	<code>/edge install clay-mobile-provider-benchmark</code>
Dual Brain	Claude Code and Codex hand work to each other for a blind review, a second opinion, or a delegated job.	<code>/edge install dual-brain</code>
Techno Detect	Finds every company using a given product from confirmed technical signals like DNS records and login pages.	<code>/edge install techno-detect</code>
Video List Extractor	Extracts structured rows from screen recordings when the data exists only as pixels — row-crop + perceptual-dedupe + parallel sub-agent OCR at 99% accuracy.	<code>/edge install video-list-extractor</code>
Dossier Builder	Fan-out of specialist agents that builds per-account dossiers from every system a company has — Gong, CRM, billing, product, support — with identity linking, trust hierarchy, and a critique trio.	<code>/edge install dossier-builder</code>
Dossier Data Auditor	Audits any folder of customer/prospect data before (or after) a dossier build — classifies columns, picks	<code>/edge install dossier-data-auditor</code>

	canonical revenue, refuses bad joins, writes drop-in overrides the dossier-builder auto-detects.	
PDF Contact Finder	Finds contact-bearing PDFs across federal/state/industry sources, then extracts every contact into a deduped CSV. Two-path: text for native PDFs, vision per-row crops for scanned ones.	/edge install pdf-contact-finder
TAM Research Skill	Systematic discovery of every data source, registry, and API that can build a complete list of any company type — rank-ordered by coverage, website inclusion, and data quality.	/edge install tam-research
Win Loss Rewind	Works backward from your won, lost and churned customers to find the signals that actually separate a good fit from a bad one.	/edge install win-loss-rewind
Talent Sourcer	Finds and ranks recruiting candidates for a job description, with a written case for each one.	/edge install talent-sourcer
Triple Deep Research	Run one question through ChatGPT + Claude + Gemini Deep Research in parallel, verify every cite with skeptical subagents, synthesize one source-traceable report.	/edge install triple-deep-research
TAM Contact Harvester	Turn a full market of company websites into named contacts — an email plus the person attached to it — for near-zero cost, by reading the free pages with free code and paying only for the residue.	/edge install tam-contact-harvester
Domain Resolver (free-first)	Company name to official domain, free-first — ask a source that already knows it (Google's KG, a local Maps dump), verify what the site says about itself, never guess.	/edge install free-first-domain-resolver
Franchisee Finder	Five-wave pipeline that turns FDD Item 20 into a national database of franchisee operators, resolves LLC sprawl into multi-unit whales, and enriches the head.	/edge install franchisee-finder
Referral Notability	Scores a customer base by how connected each owner-operator is — board seats, speaking, podcasts, awards — to pick referral/affiliate partners.	/edge install referral-notability
Find a Rep	Source GTM-tech sales reps by degree-of-fit across 8 dimensions of selling context — 15k screened for under \$10, LLM only on the shortlist.	/edge install find-a-rep
Steal This Design	Capture real web designs headless (screenshot + extracted CSS), build from them, and ship an	/edge install steal-this-design

	opinionated decision page behind an automated layout gate.	
Webinar Performance Report	Honest 4-tab webinar report from live Salesforce + ON24 + HubSpot — pipeline from native Campaign Influence, not over-counted reach.	/edge install webinar-performance-report
Advisory Board Finder	Finds possible advisers in your market and ranks them by influence, independence and how likely they are to say yes.	/edge install advisory-board-finder
Plain Plan Mode	Write the plan a non-engineer approves as a plain-English brief whose own numbers must reconcile before you sign.	/edge install plain-plan-mode
Blueprint Playbook	Turn one company URL into a hard-data GTM playbook — pain-qualified targeting, the records that prove it, and PQS/PVP message drafts.	/edge install blueprint-playbook
Channel Discovery Skill	Ranks the go-to-market channels worth testing for a specific buyer — paid, organic, partnerships, compelled venues — on 8 scored dimensions.	/edge install channel-discovery
Crawford	The research agent you dispatch — exhausts 340 verified free sources before spending a cent, proves every fact from two independent roots, and logs what each row cost.	/edge install crawford
Acquisition Founder Sourcer	Point it at any acquirer list and get back the founders most likely to be building again — vesting-ranked, live-verified, contact-enriched.	/edge install acquisition-founder-sourcer
JoJo	Ranks companies by how directly their own job postings describe the problem you solve, using a large public job-posting dataset plus a newer-postings overlay. Results are a snapshot; recheck that each posting is still open.	/edge install jojo
Google Doc Builder	Ships designed Google Docs from Claude — two separate Claude checks read the doc the way the client will before it's written, and charts render as real graphics.	/edge install google-doc-builder
Claude Deployment Report	Turns an Anthropic export ZIP + git repos + admin key into a CEO-grade HTML deck — leaderboard, lead candidates, recurring use cases, API usage report.	/edge install claude-deployment-report
Job Hunter	One person's job search, run by an agent: live postings judged with a verbatim quote and a why-not on every row, plus the companies that should hire you and haven't posted. Under \$2 a run; never sends anything.	/edge install job-hunter

PE Acquisition Monitor	Build monthly acquisition lists with separate announcement and completion events, company profiles, and saved source evidence.	/edge install pe-acquisition-monitor
Title Sweep	Point it at a company's domain and it finds every LinkedIn page that company owns, enumerates everyone, scores every job title against a buyer rubric, and ships ranked call lists.	/edge install title-sweep
Calibrated Judge	The judge for the five list decisions: one packet per entity, typed answers with a probability, the packet card before spend; abstains honestly.	/edge install calibrated-judge
Rep Review	A whole-funnel rep productivity report from your CRM exports: how each rep is doing, the trends, and what would move the needle most.	/edge install rep-review
The Asymmetry Engine	Runs my core go-to-market doctrine on your business and ends with a message that gives the buyer something useful before you ask for anything.	/edge install asymmetry-engine

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